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Good morning Mr. Dohmann:

This is to let you know that we continue to explore the feasibility of EPA accepting the GCGCD's invitation for my Section Chief and one other member of the Section's staff to travel to Goliad for the purpose of holding a public meeting. The Region's officer for ethics is looking into the matter, we will let you know of our decision as soon as we have a recommendation on this "invitational travel" issue. Hope everything is well with you. Regards,

José Eduardo Torres - 6WQ-SG

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From: Jose Torres/R6/USEPA/US
To: "Art Dohmann" <artdohmann@gmail.com>
Date: 05/09/2011 06:25 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed Public Meeting Between Goliad County Citizens and Members of EPA, Region 6 Staff

Thank you very much Mr. Dohman for your prompt reply and suggestion. I will pass the information on your suggestion to my Section Chief, Mr. Dellinger for his consideration. I anticipate that he may have a reply in the next few day. Thank you again, and have a good evening. Sincerely,

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Mr. Torres,

I very much appreciate that Region 6 supports having a public meeting on uranium in-situ mining in the drinking water Gulf Coast Aquifer in Goliad County.

We recognize the cost restraints that are affecting all of us.

If the public meeting were held in Goliad, I estimate that several hundred people would attend. A meeting in Dallas is also very welcome and a smaller group would attend due to scheduling and cost.

Would the citizens and organizations from Goliad County paying for the staff of Region 6 to travel to Goliad be an option?

The Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District will be having a Board meeting on May 16 at which time we can act on acceptable options.

What would you see as number of staff members and duration of the meeting?

Regards,

Art Dohmann

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From: Torres.Jose@epamail.epa.gov

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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 4:27 PM

Subject: Proposed Public Meeting Between Goliad County Citizens and Members of EPA, Region 6 Staff

Mr. Dohmann, Commissioner Kreneck, Commissioner Long:

Even though no formal request for an Aquifer Exemption (AE) for the Goliad Project has been received from TCEQ, EPA, Region 6 has long favored the proposal by concerned Goliad County citizens for a Public Meeting with members of this office's staff to discuss issues related to the now TCEQ permitted in-situ uranium mining operations in Goliad County.

However, my immediate superior, Mr. Philip Dellinger, Chief of the Ground Water/UIC Section, informed me this morning that unfortunately, due to some very stringent budgetary measures within EPA, the Region's travel budget has been drastically reduced, making it impossible for any members of the Region's staff to travel to Goliad for the purpose of holding the proposed public meeting in the foreseeable future.

Upon the recommendation of my Section Chief, I take this opportunity to convey to you that the Region supports the idea of holding such a public meeting, and would like to propose holding the meeting in the EPA Regional office in Dallas. I anticipate that you may need some time to consult with the stakeholders before a decision is made regarding a meeting in Dallas, so, I want you to know that I am ready to hear your thoughts on the possibility of a group of Goliad County citizens traveling to Dallas to meet with us.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. Please feel free to phone/e-mail me at your convenience. Regards,

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